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SUBJECT: CRS DIFFICULTY IN SIERRA LEONE

1. DUE TO SENSITIVITIES ATTACHED MESSAGE, I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR PASSING IT TO BISHOP EDWARD SWANSTROM, CRS, 212-838-4700 FROM CRS ACTING DIRECTOR SISTER KATERI KOVERMAN. QUOTE REQUEST IMMEDIATE REVERSAL OF BISHOP SWANSTROM 4 DECEMBER LETTER TO SISTER KATERI MAUREEN. TIMING ON CEASING OF FOOD DISTRIBUTION POLITICALLY UNTENABLE. CLOSING OF MCH SEEN AS SABOTAGE BY SIGNIFICANT OFFICES IN GOSL. CLOSING DOWN OF ALL SCHOOL FEEDING IN NORTH BY CRS WHILE CARE CONTINUES DISTRIBUTION IN OTHER PROVINCES IS CAUSING UNFAVORABLE GRASS ROOTS DISPLEASURE. MEETING WITH MR. PETER KUYUMBEH OF MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC PLANNING THIS MORNING INDICATES THAT GOSL WILL NOT ALLOW MCH TO BECOME INACTIVE. I HAVE AUTHORIZED FOOD DISTRIBUTION TO MCH AT KAILAHUN, KAMBIA, AND LUNSAR. AMERICAN AMBASSADOR IS TAKING ACTION TO INTERVENE. GOSL SERIOUS ECONOMIC PLIGHT HAS BEEN ONLY FACTOR INHIBITING PAYMENT OF GRANT. SITUATION DEVELOPING WHICH COULD BE EVEN MORE SERIOUS, WITH PERSONALITY PROBLEMS INVOLVING KELLEY AND GOSL OFFICIALS A FACTOR. REGARDS KOVERMAN. UNQUOTE.

2. BELIEVE CRS SHOULD RESPOND IN USG CHANNEL.

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3. EMBASSY WILL COMMENT AFTER PICTURE CLARIFIES.

4. DECONTROL JANUARY 8, 1977.
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